

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVSKI BREAK OFF THE PEACE PARLEY WITH TEUTON

Because of Germany's Attitude Regarding Lithuania and Poland and Because of Insistence That German Garrisons Be Maintained at Libau and Riga

BOLSHEVIKI ARE BECOMING EMBITTERED

Their Newspaper Declares That the Russian Revolution Cannot Accept the Conditions and Warns the Germans Not to Try to Impose Them

London, Jan. 2.—The peace negotiations at Brest Litovsk have been broken off by the Bolsheviki government owing to the German attitude regarding Poland and Lithuania and the enemy's proposal that garrisons be retained at Libau, Riga and elsewhere, according to a telegram from Petrograd by the correspondent of the Daily News appearing in a late edition of that paper to-day.

The dispatch quotes articles from the Bolsheviki newspaper Izvestia, discussing the new phase of the peace negotiations. The article says that owing to pressure from below, the Germans have been obliged to soil their lips with a formula put forward by the Socialists at the beginning of the war; but German imperialists would not be imperialists if they did not try to take back in fact what with gritted teeth they yielded in words.

Izvestia concludes: "The Russian revolution cannot accept their conditions to retain Poland and Lithuania. Just you try it, gentlemen."

U. S. ENGINEERS

REPORTED HELD

American Railway Mission in Siberia Is Said to Have Been Arrested by the Bolsheviki.

London, Jan. 2.—It is reported that the Bolsheviki have arrested the members of the American railway mission at Irkutsk, Siberia, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Petrograd.

The United States railroad commission to the Russian government arrived in Petrograd last June, and until the recent Bolsheviki disturbances had been actively engaged in assisting the Russian railways out of their operating difficulties.

The personnel of the commission, which was not officially announced, follows:

John F. Stevens of New York, former chief engineer of the Panama canal; chairman; W. L. Darling of St. Louis, chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railway; Henry Miller of St. Louis, former operating vice-president of the Washington railroad; George Gibbs of Philadelphia, former chief mechanical engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad; and J. T. Griner of Baltimore, chief consulting engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Chairman Stevens had the rank of minister plenipotentiary of the Russian government, but his appointment did not infringe on the status of David R. Francis, the American ambassador.

A dispatch from Tokyo, dated Dec. 27, said Mr. Stevens had arrived at Nagasaki, Japan, Dec. 19 from Vladivostok and that he had reserved the accommodation of an entire hotel in Nagasaki for 320 members of his staff who accompanied him. The dispatch also carried a statement from Mr. Stevens in which he declared it was his intention to return to Russia with his staff and remain there as long as they could be of any assistance to the Russian people.

ITALIANS ALSO WIN.

Captured Zenson Bridgehead Held by Austrians.

London, Jan. 2.—Vigorous Italian attacks culminated Monday night in recapture of the Zenson bridgehead and the driving of the Austrians back across the Piave river in front of Venice. For weeks the Austrians had held to this judgment on the western bank, ever since their first attacks along the river line. This victory removes the most serious threat against the city.

U. S. POLISH TROOPS.

First Contingent Has Arrived in France to Fight There.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The first contingent of Polish troops recruited in America for service with the allies has landed safely in France, it was announced last night by Col. James Martin of the French military mission. The unit, composed entirely of men graduated from the Polish training camp at Niagara, N. Y., will be attached to the Polish forces now fighting on the west front. For military reasons, the number of men in the contingent was withheld.

The forces were welcomed by the military and civil authorities and were given an ovation by the populace who witnessed the debarkation, according to the announcement called by General Archibald of the French army.

THIRD LOAN IN FEBRUARY

Amount to Be Asked by the U. S. Government Is Not Decided On

INTEREST RATE ALSO UNCERTAIN

It Is Decided That It Will Be Called the Third Liberty Loan

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The next national loan will be designated officially as the Third Liberty loan and not Freedom loan, Peace loan or Victory loan, as had been proposed. Advertising matter will be prepared immediately bearing the title now adopted after considering hundreds of suggestions from all parts of the country. The loan will be at some time in February for an amount and at an interest rate not yet decided.

MARINES GUARD NORFOLK, VA.

Where Three Distinct Fires Wiped Out Property Valued at \$2,000,000—Many Persons Suspected of Setting Fires Were Put Under Arrest.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—Marines and bluejackets stood guard to-day over the downtown section of the city, where three separate fires yesterday wiped out five of the city's largest buildings, with a loss estimated at \$2,000,000. Police Chief Kizer and Fire Chief McLoughlin to-day were less inclined to place the blame for the fires on incendiaries, although both declared the circumstances were very suspicious.

Charles McCoy, a fireman, was the only person known to have lost his life, though it was possible the removal of the debris would show other deaths from falling walls. More than a score of persons were arrested on suspicion and about a dozen were held for an investigation. Two men who are thought to be Germans were among those held.

Three distinct explosions in the city had been brought under control, led to the general belief that enemy agents were at work. Mayor Mayo practically placed the city under martial law by turning the situation over to naval officers and some 2,500 marines and bluejackets from nearby naval stations assisted the police and home guards in maintaining order and preventing vandalism.

MIDDLEBURY WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Miss Eliza Boles Had Tried to Get Help to Save Her Home, and Then She Rushed Back into the Flames.

Middlebury, Jan. 2.—Miss Eliza Boles, aged 70 years, was burned to death yesterday in a fire that destroyed the house in which she and her sister, Mrs. Helen Holt, made their home, on Seminary street. The charred body was recovered from the ruins four or five hours after the fire had been gotten partly under control.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Blackmer's funeral parlors.

How the fire originated is not known. Mrs. Holt was not at home, being engaged as a nurse at a house on the same street. It is believed that Miss Boles awoke at about 5 o'clock and smelling smoke partially dressed and went to a neighbor's, Mrs. Caswell, to summon help. There, failing at first to arouse anyone, she fainted and fell. Those in the house, when they had become aroused, saw her lying on the ground, but by the time they had got on some clothes and reached the door, Miss Boles had disappeared.

It is thought that, bewildered, Miss Boles went back and upstairs in the burning house. When the roof fell in, her body went with it through to the first floor. The firemen were obliged to dig in the ruins to rescue the body. Besides Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Boles is survived by a second sister, Mrs. Alexander Dieckey.

SOLDIERS JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES

When Fire Broke Out in C Company Barracks at Camp Devens Last Night—Exploding Stove Was the Cause.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 2.—The barracks of C company of the 303d infantry regiment at Camp Devens was burned last night with all the personal belongings and equipment of the members of the company, many of whom jumped or dropped from second story windows in making their escape. An exploding stove making their escape. An exploding stove started the fire.

All the men of the company came from Schenectady, N. Y. They were housed for the night in other barracks and today the quartermaster's department will issue them duplicates of all the burned equipment. Several of them lost sums of money in overcoats and other articles of clothing which they had no time to save.

FIRE NEAR CAMP.

Three Dwelling Houses at Camp Stuart Destroyed.

Newport, News, Va., Jan. 2.—Three dwelling houses near Camp Stuart on the outskirts of the city where 15,000 soldiers are quartered, were destroyed last night by fire. Soldiers and firemen prevented the flames from reaching the camp buildings.

POULTRY AWARDS ARE BEING MADE

Vermont Poultry Association Exhibition Will Close Thursday Night—Nearly 800 Birds are Exhibited.

Over night yesterday's collection of blooded fowls in the Pavilion theatre, where the Vermont Poultry association is holding its 12th annual exhibition, was considerably increased by the arrival of birds that were delayed by cold weather and late trains. All told nearly 800 birds are caged within the confines of the ancient amusement house, and sponsors for the show are well satisfied with the exhibition. The number of visitors frequenting the show house was materially increased, the attendance including many farmers from nearby towns. The rigorous weather last night taxed the staying qualities of the birds to the utmost, but all were in good condition to-day when the judges, George P. Coffin of Freeport, Me., and C. A. Ballou of Westchester, Mass., entered the last list of cages to complete the judging. The show continues until to-morrow night, and this evening Judge Coffin will give a free lecture on poultry in the court room at city hall.

Awards announced this afternoon cover most of the prizes to be given by the state association, although the list given below is but a supplement of the remaining awards to-morrow.

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NOT ILLEGALLY IMPRISONED

Frank A. Turner Ordered Returned to House of Correction

HIS TERM EXPIRES WITHIN TWO WEEKS

Vermont Supreme Court Hands Down Several Opinions

The Vermont supreme court held to-day that Frank A. Turner was not unjustly imprisoned in the Vermont house of correction; his petition was dismissed and the relator was ordered remanded to the penal institution at Rutland. Turner was sentenced in September, 1916, to serve not less than 18 months and not more than two years for non-support, and his term will expire on Jan. 18. It was claimed by the man's attorney that he was prosecuted under an statute and sentenced under another; that the sentence in the former would have been only six months. Opinion by Judge Taylor.

A considerable number of opinions were handed down when the court convened this morning for the January term. In the Rutland county case of Edward D. Farmer vs. John D. Williams, action over a loan, the amount being \$2,100. No note was given and the question arises whether the loan was paid. Judgment was reversed and the cause remanded. Opinion by Judge Haseltine.

In the Washington county case of State vs. Adalgisa Villa, verdict was reversed, judgment affirmed and the respondent was discharged. This case was tried in Barre city court and the respondent was found guilty and sentenced. It was held by the court that the charge was too broad. Opinion by Judge Powers.

In Essex county, Lapointe vs. Sage and Lapointe, the motion to affirm the judgment of the lower court made at the last term was left for later disposition. In Franklin county, in the State vs. Robert Warm case, petition for new trial will be argued at this term. In Orange county, H. M. Smith vs. Eusebe W. Pruner, settled and discontinued was directed; Arthur B. Clark vs. S. C. Seavey and Bonner brothers, judgment affirmed as per motion of last term of court. In Orleans county, Brown vs. Brown, divorce, judgment affirmed; Seigney vs. Seigney and Fontaine, settled and discontinued. In Rutland county, Coleman vs. Mead, judgment affirmed.

In Windham county, Millington vs. Londonderry, settled and discontinued. In Windsor county, Desjardins vs. Kulon, decree affirmed and cause remanded, as per order of last term. In Chittenden county, by Judge Miles, in the case of Vermont Fruit Co. vs. O. H. Wilson and trustee. This is over a note of \$720, in which judgment was in favor of the plaintiff in the lower court, the case coming to supreme court on exceptions as to admission of evidence, judgment affirmed.

In Windsor county, Waterman vs. Moody and Rogers, by Judge Taylor, the entry was made, judgment affirmed. In Bennington county, Holt vs. Ruelau, by Judge Miles, judgment affirmed. A petition for a new trial in the case of State vs. Frank Kitchin, from Bennington county, under a first degree, has been presented in court and hearing will probably occur. The execution of sentence, electrocution, is provided for in this month.

A good number of attorneys present. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. C. Carson, who referred to the war conditions and asked the Almighty's protection over soldiers in Europe. The calling of the docket resulted in many entries being made for continuance.

These entries included in Washington county: Continued—Blanchard Real Estate Co. vs. Montpelier; Davis vs. Union Meetinghouse society; Bianchi vs. Montpelier & Wells River railroad; Gil-Schneider vs. Northfield; Hutchins vs. George; Nichols vs. Lane Dodge Bros. vs. Central Vermont Railway Co.; in re Registon estate; Pinard vs. Catto.

Bar Meeting Began This Afternoon.

The annual bar meeting commenced at 2 o'clock this afternoon with a fairly good number of members attending. Gov. Graham will be unable to attend, having left this afternoon for Boston. Pres. G. B. Young delivered the president's address this afternoon.

The president's address was upon: "The Lawyer, His Place and Function." Justice John H. Watson gave an address on "The Supreme Court and Its Method of Work."

GILE-SMITH.

Quiet Marriage at Home of the Bride on Maple Avenue.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Smith of Maple avenue New Year's day at noon when their daughter, Miss Martha Hilton Smith was married to Sidney P. Gile, son of Mrs. Nellie F. Gile of St. Johnsbury, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. M. Beattie, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The single ring service was used.

The bride is a native of Barre and one of the city's well known young women. She attended the public schools and later pursued a business course at Goddard seminary, where she was graduated in the class of 1916. Mr. Gile was graduated from Spaulding high school in the class of 1917. The couple will reside in St. Johnsbury, where the groom is employed in the office of the E. & T. Fairbanks Co.

Notice.

People using water from the McFarland & Boyce system must not leave faucets running full stream. A small stream will keep pipes from freezing and that will not draw the water away from the people on higher elevations. Any parties found running the faucets wide open will have the water shut off.

George E. McFarland.

Email Anderson of Elm street has enlisted as a third-class electrician in the radio division and will be stationed on the battleship Arkansas.

THAWING PIPES SET HOUSE AFIRE

Firemen Had Cold Job Putting Out Blaze at 15 Railroad Street This Forenoon.

A cold wave which put out to sea yesterday, according to the meteorologists, renewed its clutch on Barre to-day and was indirectly responsible for a fire at 15 Railroad street this morning at 9:15 o'clock. While the fire department and everybody else remained under the spell of the Yukon or something like that, someone disobeyed Chief Gladding's injunction not to use paper torches in thawing out frozen water pipes. The result was a hurried call for assistance, which the chief and other regulars answered in the auto truck. Fire starting from the basement forced its way to and through the roof in the house at No. 15 occupied by A. Colombo and owned by Justus Ketchum. Picking a line of least resistance through floors and partitions, the fire was making its effects unaccountably felt when the truck crew arrived. By dint of much effort the firemen extinguished the blaze with chemicals, although at one time it was thought that water would be necessary. The loss is \$100, partially covered by insurance.

Readings of minus 38 and 40 in Barre early to-day did not indicate that the sample of Medicine Hat weather had got very far out to sea before it hurried in land again. Yesterday's record as the coldest in 1918 was eclipsed by several degrees and the sluggish mercury sank nearly to the shameful depths of Sunday morning. At 10:30 last night it was 24 below. Around 2 a. m. it had sunk to 26 and by daylight it sagged to 34, 38 and 40 even, in some places. This forenoon even the most daring sages were not predicting another warm spell such as we had yesterday, and their more cautious brethren were discreetly silent. Scenes which hitherto have been described only in the notes of Donald McMillan or Dr. Cook's "Polar Report," are enacted over and over again right here in Barre and while the popular writers in the grip of a cold wave that won't wear itself out, the adacious ones prescribe patience as the only panacea.

From the fire department the suggestions given out Monday are subject to iteration: Don't use gasoline and paper torches unless you are sure that wood-work and inflammable material are not exposed. In the remote possibility that warmer weather may be just around the corner and the cold spell actually on its way to the sea, the same advice holds good, for water pipes are said to freeze the more rapidly when the temperature begins to rise.

BARRE MAN WON.

David Stephen Awarded Vermont State Checker Championship.

Although the governing board of the Vermont State Checker association has not officially ruled on technical questions involved in the outcome of the recent state tournament held in Barre, the championship is awarded David Stephen of this city by virtue of a clear lead over all opponents. This much was learned to-day when it became known that L. G. Eggleston was due, the new champion's rival, had practically eliminated himself from the race. The new champion, who succeeds W. C. Hoag of Burlington, won 25 games, lost four and played his opponents 15 draws, for a total of 65 points. His lead was established rather early in the tournament, which started the day after Christmas, and the outcome of his splendid showings, just in line to be the first holder of the new championship board, purchased by the state association to replace the historic trophy destroyed by fire in Burlington last fall.

Barring the fact that Mr. Stephen played and won two matches with a contestant who withdrew from the tournament before his meeting with Mr. Eggleston was due, the new champion's victory was clean cut. Two of the four matches lost by him were to J. M. Taggart of Randolph Center and they were the first two played. W. C. Hoag and William Gill each took a match from Mr. Stephen, the latter forcing his opponent to a draw in the second frame, while Mr. Hoag succumbed to defeat in his second match with the champion.

Ignorance of what action the governing board might take in the scores of Messrs. Stephen and Eggleston postponed the time when the championship became definitely known. When Mr. Stephen had finished his last match the Rutland man still had to play Mr. Hoag. In the event of a defeat for Mr. Hoag, Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Stephen would have played off a tie. However, Mr. Eggleston, when interviewed over the telephone last night by a member of the local committee, stated that his claim on the state title was so remote that he would probably cancel his matches with Mr. Hoag. In the matches last week Mr. Stephen defeated Mr. Eggleston in one game and forced him to a draw in the second contest.

MAY COMBINE TRAINS.

Central Vermont and Boston & Maine Officials Confer.

Supt. J. E. Mann of the Central Vermont railway and Supt. H. E. Folsom of the Boston & Maine railway were in conference at Montpelier this afternoon relative to passenger service. Dame rumor announced this morning that the conference was relative to the removal of trains from the schedule of each road, by combining trains running close together on the two roads. On the Central it is understood that numbers 5 and 2, north-bound, and like south-bound trains, will be combined and that it will mean a similar combination south of White River Junction on the Boston & Maine. This is in harmony with the curtailment of service because of the fuel situation and war reasons.

CLOSING THE "MOVIES."

St. Johnsbury Amusement Houses Shut Two Nights a Week.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 2.—By order of the fuel committee the Globe and Pheasant theatres have been closed for two nights each week. They are moving picture houses. The Globe is to be closed Monday and Tuesday evenings and the Pheasant on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Frederick Welch of Laurel street, who has been employed in the plant of the Dewey Column & Cutting Co. for several months has shipped his household goods to Brooklyn, N. Y., having secured employment in the Brooklyn navy yard. Mr. and Mrs. Welch and children left for Brooklyn yesterday.

CHURCHES UNITE FOR 3 MONTHS

The Barre Congregational and Universalist Societies Come to Agreement

USE FORMER'S CHURCH AND LATTER'S PASTOR

Annual Meetings of the Religious Societies Here Held on New Year's Day

First in Barre to accept the recommendation of the state fuel administrators in the matter of uniting for services are the Congregational church, at present without a pastor, and the Universalist church, the two societies having agreed to meet together for the first time in the church of the Medicine Hat weather last Sunday. The final step in negotiation, which have been going on between the two churches was taken last evening when the members of the Universalist parish, at their annual meeting, voted unanimously to accept the invitation of the Congregationalists, extended several days ago after a special business meeting.

The invitation carried with it the stipulation that the Congregational society shall furnish the building, heat and music, while the Universalists supply the preaching. The pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. J. B. Beardon, therefore, will conduct services for the united congregations. Practical conservation is thus achieved by the closing of the Universalist church building until April 1, while all of the society's activities, including those of the Sunday school and other church departments, are transferred to the Congregational church building.

There was a large attendance at the parish meeting, and previous to the business session the women of the church served supper, the tables being set twice before everyone's hunger was appeased. Reports from several of the parish officers indicated a satisfactory condition of affairs, and after the returns had been made the following officers were elected for 1918: Moderator, O. K. Hollister; clerk, George L. Bates; trustees, A. B. Lane, Mrs. Grant A. Lane, E. M. Tobin, Mrs. Carrie Brooks, Mrs. E. C. Mower; treasurer, C. C. Kenyon; auditors, Harvey E. Averill and S. D. Allen. The annual church meeting will be held Thursday evening.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held in the church parlors yesterday, with G. Herbert Pape as moderator and H. G. Woodruff as clerk. The meeting was well attended and the reports of the officers were cheering and encouraging. The auditors' report showed all bills of the year paid and a reduction of a little over \$200 on the debt of \$1,000 of previous years.